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Editorial Notes

In the absorbed attention of many parts of the Church to one or two of the benevolent causes of the Church, care should be taken lest others be overlooked or passed by. The next cause before us is that of Publication and Sabbath-school Extension. Its collection is to come in March. The sum of \$33,000 is urgently needed to meet the demands of this great work of the Church.

Our attention has been called to the fact that we omitted one of the *ad interim* committees appointed by the last Assembly, viz.: Dr. R. H. Fleming, Dr. R. Cecil, Dr. L. W. Irwin, Rev. E. E. Lane and Ruling Elders G. E. Caskie, Richard Hancock and W. S. Currell, "to report to the next Assembly a program for a semi-centennial celebration to be held in connection with the Assembly of 1911."

Presbyterians have stood stoutly in the past for two things, viz.: The Family Altar and Catechetical instruction. Their faithful observance has developed the strongest and the best character. God forbid, that our people should ever fail in either of these vital duties! But there is danger ahead; many Presbyterian homes now observe neither! Therefore, whatever tends to encourage and stimulate these things ought to be warmly welcomed. The Christian Observer deserves great praise for its splendid work. The **Central Presbyterian** has for years been sending out diplomas and certificates

for the perfect recitation of the Catechisms; the Presbyterian of the South, continuing this good custom, publishes this week, page 275, its Honor Roll. All honor, indeed, to the diligent children; all honor, too, to those faithful teachers and parents that have accomplished this splendid task! We hope the list will be much larger next year.

One of the most remarkable situations ever developed in the history of American religious journalism is that brought about by the order of the Supreme Court of Tennessee, declaring the union between the Cumberland Presbyterian and Northern Presbyterian Churches invalid in that State. The Cumberland Presbyterian, which for decades has been the organ of that denomination, and for a year or so, of the union branch of the division, is now turned over to the Loyalists, or anti-union element. Of course, the subscribers are falling away fast as the autumn leaves. Of course, also, another paper is to be founded—the Presbyterian Advance, it is to be called—and Dr. J. E. Clarke, the versatile former editor of the Cumberland Presbyterian, is to be reinstated on its storm-swept tripod, although, no announcement of the founding of the Advance was allowed in the Cumberland Presbyterian by the new owners. We imagine that most of his former subscribers will learn of it somehow, and follow him. Dr. Clarke is too well seasoned by his course in religious journalism to let a little Supreme Court decision obfuscate his faculties.

Immediately following a serious surgical operation, Rev. W. H. Morrow died at his home in Springdale, Ark., at 4:30 p. m., Tuesday, February 22d, 1910, closing a young life of eminent usefulness. Mr. Morrow graduated from Arkansas College at Batesville, in the class of 1895, and from Union Seminary, in 1900. He was licensed in June and ordained in October, 1900, by Arkansas Presbytery and served a number of churches in the Home Mission fields of that Presbytery until November, 1907, when, under the advice of his physician, he accepted the call of the Springdale and Hazel Glen churches in Washburn Presbytery and removed there. For several years he has been a member of the Board of Trustees of Arkansas College and Secretary of the same, and for three years the Stated Clerk of the Synod of Arkansas. Earnest, forceful and effective as a preacher; diligent, faithful and sympathetic as a pastor, he won and held the confidence and affection of every congregation in which he labored.